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Initial meeting for science standards review panel set for Tuesday morning

(BOISE) – The State Department of Education’s newly formed science standards review committee will hold its kickoff meeting via teleconference Tuesday, June 30 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The media and public are welcome to listen in by calling 253-215-8782 and entering the meeting ID 999 8195 0001. The password, if requested, is 039650.

The first hour of Tuesday’s meeting will be the same as the opening hour of the mathematics and English Language Arts standards review committees on Monday, laying out the standard-setting process, goals and expectations.

The process of drafting new standards for math, ELA and science will emphasize public involvement, including regional public input meetings once drafts are developed. Public access to Monday morning’s math content standards meeting was inadvertently unavailable without a password, but there were no issues with the call-in system for the Monday afternoon ELA session.

The standards review committees are not decision-making bodies but will review Idaho’s standards for each grade level, review best practices and draft proposed new standards. With ongoing direction from the legislative interim study committee, participants will be asked to consider simplifying and reducing the number of standards, prioritizing the standards, and the appropriateness of standards for age and grade level.

The timeline calls for finalizing a first draft by mid-November, then inviting public input, including regional public meetings. A second draft is expected to be presented to the State Board of Education in June 2021, followed by more public meetings before the final proposed standards are submitted for approval to the board in October 2021 and to the Legislature during winter 2022.

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